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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF ARPA REPRESENTATIVE TO AUSTRALIA

REF: (A) LETTER, DIRECTOR OF ARPA TO AMBASSADOR RICE 2/16/73
(B) LETTER, DCM, CANBERRA TO DIRECTOR ARPA 3/13/73
(C) MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR GREEN AND DIRECTOR
LUKASIK, 5/11/73
(D) VISIT OF ALVIN VAN EVERY (ARPA) TO AUSTRALIA JULY
23-30, 1973

1. POLITICAL CLIMATE HAS CLEARED TO THE POINT WHERE I BELIEVE
IT WOULD NOW RPT NOW BE APPROPRIATE FOR ARPA REPRESENTATIVE TO
BE ASSIGNED TO COUNTRY TEAM OF THIS MISSION. SEVERAL
SIGNIFICANT JOINT RESRARCH PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY GOA
AND SUPERVISION ON THE SCENE BY ARPA OFFICER SEEMS DESIRABLE.

2. ALVIN VAN EVERY ANTICIPATED THAT ARPA OFFICER WOULD PROBABLY
BE NEEDED IN CANBERRA FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. WHILE HE WILL OF
COURSE NEED TO TAKE HIS TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION
FROM SECDEF AND ARPA, I MUST REQUEST THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT BE
AS A MEMBER OF MY MISSION RESPONSIBLE TO ME THROUGH THE DEFENSE
ATTACHE. WE ALREADY HAVE TEN (10) SEPARATE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
UNITS IN CANBERRA, MOST OF WHICH ARE AUTONOMOUS OR SEMI-
AUTONOMOUS AND REPORT ON PARALLEL LINES BACK TO DIFFERENT COMMANDS
IN HONOLULU AND WASHINGTON. I COULD NOT APPROVE THE ADDITION OF

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ANOTHER SUCH SEMI-INDEPENDENT OFFICE, PARTICULARLY DEALING IN

AN AREA OF EXTREME POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. IN FACT, WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, I HOPE GRADUALLY TO CONSOLIDATE THE ORGANIZATION OF MILITARY UNITS IN CANBERRA.

3. WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. VAN EVERY WOULD WORK THROUGH MY DAO AND WOULD BE HOUSED AS BEST WE CAN ARRANGE IT WITHIN OUR TIGHT CHANCERY OFFICE SPACE, I WELCOME HIS ASSIGNMENT TO CANBERRA AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN A FIELD OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE US AND AUSTRALIA.
GREEN

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